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Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action mailed on January 6, 1998. The Patent and Trademark office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 05-1135 for the requisite large entity fee of \$950.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(c).

An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 and a Request Under 37 C.F.R. §1.129(a) For Withdrawal Of The Finality Of The January 6, 1998 Office Action and, in the alternative, a Notice Of Appeal To The Board Of Patent Appeals And Interferences, are being concurrently filed herewith.

Kindly charge any additional fees that may be due in connection with this Request and/or the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 and/or the Request Under 37 C.F.R. §1.129(a) For Withdrawal Of The Finality Of The January 6, 1998 Office Action; and/or Notice Of Appeal to the Board Of Patent Appeals and Interferences, to Deposit Account No. 05-1135, or credit any overpayment thereto.

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